


U. S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE  
RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX  
PUBLIC PROGRAMS




These programs are offered FREE to the public by a dedicated and skilled group of volunteers, U. S. Fish & Wildlife staff and local community resources in an effort to increase your enjoyment of the conservation, protection and enhancement of your National Wildlife Refuges in Rhode Island.

<http://www.fws.gov/ninigret/complex/>

## February

Fri, 4<sup>th</sup> Ecology, Exercise and the Environment, Kettle Pond Visitor Center 1pm – 2:30pm   
Nature has a wealth of life for children to see, touch, hear, smell and taste – even during the colder months. This outdoor program series is designed for children ages 3-6. Children will enjoy learning about different aspects of the seasons and make meaningful connections to the natural world. Join Corrie Heinz as she leads an exploration of the animal tracks and traces left behind in the winter. Remember to dress appropriately and be prepared to go outside but, don't worry, on the coldest days we will offer basic dance and yoga activities indoors!


*Corrie Heinz, USFWS Volunteer*

Mon, 7<sup>th</sup> Reading and Nature, Kettle Pond Visitor Center 1pm – 2pm  
 Designed as a story hour for preschool-aged youth, this activity is sure to be great fun for the youngest naturalists among us. Our theme for the months of February and March is pond life! Join volunteer Helen Johnson as we read *Jump Frog Jump* by Robert Kalan and explore the food web. Then, after reading, take part in other fun activities including finger plays, arts and crafts, movement and more!



*Helen Johnson, USFWS Volunteer*

Fri, 11<sup>th</sup> Ecology, Exercise and the Environment, Kettle Pond Visitor Center 1pm – 2:30pm  
Nature has a wealth of life for children to see, touch hear, smell and taste – even during the colder months. This outdoor program series is designed for children ages 3-6. Children will enjoy learning about different aspects of the seasons and make meaningful connections to the natural world. Join Corrie Heinz as she leads an exploration of the winter birds of Rhode Island. Remember to dress appropriately and be prepared to go outside but, don't worry, on the coldest days we will offer basic dance and yoga activities indoors!

*Corrie Heinz, USFWS Volunteer*

Mon, 14<sup>th</sup> Reading and Nature, Kettle Pond Visitor Center 1pm – 2pm  
 Designed as a story hour for preschool-aged youth, this activity is sure to be great fun for the youngest naturalists among us. Our theme for the months of February and March is pond life! Join volunteer Helen Johnson as we read *A Frog in the Bog* by Karma Wilson and explore bog ecology. Then, after reading, take part in other fun activities including finger plays, arts and crafts, movement and more!

*Helen Johnson, USFWS Volunteer*

Wed, 16<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Rehabilitation, Sachuest Point NWR 6pm – 8pm  
  
 Ever see an injured bird and wonder what you can do? Why is calling a rehabilitator important? Are there any regulations you should know about? Join us as we explore the ins, outs and in-betweens of wildlife rehabilitation in Rhode Island with licensed rehabilitator Kristin Fletcher.

*Kristin Fletcher, Executive Director of the Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island*

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## February (continued)

Sun, 20<sup>th</sup>      Scats, Tracks and other Signs of Wildlife, Kettle Pond Visitor Center      1pm – 3pm



Have you ever walked along the trail and noticed a pile of scat here, a footprint there and then a couple pellets under a large tree? If you are like most nature observers, these signs of wildlife probably piqued your interest and made you wonder who or what left them behind. Join USFWS Employee, Neil Anthes for a walk on the wild side and get up-close and personal with Rhode Island's wildlife.



*Neil Anthes, USFWS Employee*

Tues, 22<sup>nd</sup>      The Amazing World of Owls, Kettle Pond Visitor Center      1pm – 3pm

Join us for an afternoon of weird science – straight from the owl's mouth. Through this owl pellet dissecting activity we will explore topics including the food chain, ecology, skeletal anatomy and more!

*Larry Davidson, USFWS Volunteer*



Thurs, 24<sup>th</sup>      Adventures with a Microscope, Kettle Pond Visitor Center      1pm – 3pm

Come explore the absolutely amazing small world only visible with a microscope. Join Refuge Volunteer Ronald Schwartz as you examine many specimens from nature, including the possibility of very tiny moving creatures and microscopic fossils! Use this opportunity to learn how to use a microscope, as well as how to make a slide. No prior knowledge is required, just bring your curiosity.

*Ronald Schwartz, USFWS Volunteer*

Fri, 25<sup>th</sup>      The Amazing World of Owls, Sachuest Point NWR      1pm – 3pm

Join us for an afternoon of weird science – straight from the owl's mouth. Through this owl pellet dissecting activity we will explore topics including the food chain, ecology, skeletal anatomy and more!

*Larry Davidson, USFWS Volunteer*



## DIRECTIONS TO RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PROGRAMS

### Kettle Pond Visitor Center & Refuge Complex Office, Charlestown

The Visitor Center is located on the south side of Route 1 in Charlestown. When traveling on Route 1 North, travel just past the sign for Burlingame. Make a "U"-turn onto Route 1 South, travel 0.5 miles. Take a right on Bend Road. When traveling on Route 1 South, continue past the Ninigret NWR entrance. Travel 0.5 miles south on Route 1 and then turn right onto Bend Road.

**Phone: 401/364-9124**

### Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge, Charlestown:

There are two access points to the Refuge. From U.S. Route 1 South, exit at the Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge sign for the West Entrance. From U.S. Route 1 North, follow signs to Ninigret Park, continue straight to tennis courts, turn left, pass Frosty Drew Nature Center and Observatory, follow signs to "Refuge Parking" for the East Entrance.

### Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge, Middletown:

From U.S. Route 1 take Route 138 exit east across Newport Bridge to Miantonomi Ave. Travel East 0.6 miles to Green End Ave. Without turning, follow Green End Ave. 1.2 miles east to Paradise Ave. Turn right onto Paradise Ave. Continue straight until the road forks and then bear left. At the stop sign take a left onto Sachuest Point Road. Sachuest Point NWR is at the end of the road.

**Phone: 401/847-5511**

### Trustum Pond National Wildlife Refuge, South Kingstown:

From U.S. Route 1 North, take the Trustum Pond National Wildlife Refuge exit (right) onto Moonstone Beach Road. Follow 1 mile south to Matunuck Schoolhouse Road and turn right. Follow 0.7 miles to the Refuge entrance on the left. From U.S. Route 1 South, make a "U"-turn across the median and proceed north to the Moonstone Beach Road exit then follow the directions above.

*The mailing address for all Rhode Island Refuges is:*

*Rhode Island NWR Complex*

*50 Bend Road*

*Charlestown, RI 02813*